PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, District of Columbia

Senior Professional Staff 2019-Present

Senior advisor to the Democratic leader of the Committee and Subcommittee on environmental and water-related public works legislation and policies. Develop and implement the environmental and infrastructure agenda of the Subcommittee, including formulating Congressional hearings and oversight plans; advising Members of the Committee and their staff; drafting legislation, Congressional reports, and speeches; oversight of Executive Branch agencies and activities; advising House Democratic leadership on activities of the Subcommittee; advising and coordinating with Executive Branch agencies; and public speaking appearances at conferences and meetings on behalf of the Committee.

Hearings Managed:

- The Administration's Priorities and Policy Initiatives Under the Clean Water Act
- Protecting and Restoring America's Iconic Waters
- The Clean Water State Revolving Fund: How Federal Investment Can Help Communities Modernize Water Infrastructure and Address Affordability Challenges

House-Passed Legislation with Direct Professional Involvement:

- Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization Act, H.R. 1620 (ultimately included in P.L. 116-188)
- San Francisco Bay Restoration Act, H.R. 1132
- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2019, H.R. 4031
- The Puget SOS Act, H.R. 2247
- Reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program, H.R. 4275
- Protect and Restore America's Estuaries Act, H.R. 4044
- Moving Forward Act, H.R. 2
- PFAS Action Act of 2019, H.R. 535

Southern Environmental Law Center, Washington, District of Columbia

Federal Legislative Director/Deputy Legislative Director

2011-2018

Develop and implement SELC's strategy on regional environmental issues at the federal level, including water quality issues, forest plans, transportation projects, and pipeline projects. Represent SELC's positions and interests before Congress, the administration, agencies, non-governmental organizations, and media. Attend and present at board meetings and donor events.

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Professional Staff 2010-2011

Developed Subcommittee legislative agenda and priorities regarding environmental and water-related infrastructure policies, developed agency oversight agenda, and initiated internal agency investigations. Implemented Subcommittee's agenda by drafting and analyzing legislation, initiating and managing congressional hearings. Successfully advanced legislation through the Committee and U.S. House of Representatives by consulting and negotiating with U.S. government executive officials, congressional staff, interest groups, and Democratic leadership: Consolidated Land, Energy and Aquatic Resources Act of 2010 (H.R. 3534) and Clean Estuaries Act of 2010 (H.R. 4715).

New York State Office of the Governor, Washington, District of Columbia

Associate Director for Federal Policy

2007-2010

Represented the Governor at meetings with high-level officials, including other governors, and federal and state agency heads. Developed New York's energy and environmental policy priorities and advocated them before Congress. Built coalitions with other states, national organizations, and members of Congress. Prepared Congressional testimony, letters, and media pieces for the Governor and state agencies.

Sierra Club, Washington, District of Columbia

Washington Representative/Associate Washington Representative

2002-2007

Managed Sierra Club's Clean Water Campaign. Developed and implemented the advocacy and legislative strategy for water quality policy with members of Congress, their staff, and federal agencies. Wrote reports, fact sheets, talking points, and web site content. Represented Campaign before media outlets.

Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, New York

Research Associate, Clean Water and Oceans Program

2000-2002

Analyzed water quality data from Central/South Florida for a report on ecosystem health. Evaluated legislation, water quality issues, agency activities, and policies regarding Lake Okeechobee.

EDUCATION

Yale University, School of the Environment, New Haven, Connecticut

Master of Environmental Science, May 2000

The George Washington University, Washington, District of Columbia

Bachelor of Science, Environmental Studies/Minor, Biology, May 1996, Dean's List